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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This letter accompanies a Request for Continued Examination.

Entry of the Response and Declaration of Kathy A. Welch filed March 8, 2006, is requested.

Claims 1-14 are pending. Reconsideration and allowance of Claims 1-14 in view of the Response and Declaration of Kathy A. Welch submitted March 8, 2006, and the following remarks are respectfully requested.

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MESSAGE:

***** OFFICIAL RESPONSE *****

Please see the attached Request for Continued Examination and Letter to
Examiner in connection with the above-referenced patent application.

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